

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 7-10 and 16-18 are currently pending.

By way of the foregoing amendments, claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15 (including claim 14) which has been indicated as allowable in the Office Action. The remaining dependent claims depend from amended claim 7 and are therefore also allowable for at least that reason. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for immediate allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The undersigned notes the various rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 102 and 103 and reserves the right to contest these rejections in a continuation application. Should there remain any issues which need to be resolved prior to passing this application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863 to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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